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***Uncharted waters:
The power of Progress & Innovation***



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WELCOME WORDS

WELCOME WORDS FROM THE HEAD ORGANISER

Hi delegates!

It's my greatest pleasure to welcome you all to Ragusa2023 Regional Session of EYP Italy!

All the organizing team has been working hard for months in order to make Ragusa2023 one of the best scholastic experience you've ever done. We are sure you will be left with a nice memory of this event.

I've participated as delegate to an EYP session last year and I've decided to organize one due to the stunning emotions I've felt during it and the gorgeous memories I have of it.

In fact during this experience you will know new people you are going to work and strongly bond with.

Furthermore, an EYP session represents an important opportunity to face up with a new didactic method I strongly believe in.

Then I am also sure that you will acquire new competencies, grow your knowledge and enforce your European sense of belonging.

Finally I want to say to you that I am looking forward to meet all of you in Ragusa and to share with you these incredible moments!

Thank you for participating and see you soon!



Giorgio Schembari (IT, 18)



WELCOME WORDS

WELCOME WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ciao, participants of Ragusa'23!

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to this exciting session, taking place in the beautiful city of Ragusa, Italy. This gathering is a unique opportunity for us to come together and exchange ideas, knowledge, and experiences in a collaborative and stimulating environment.

As we embark on this journey, I invite you all to engage fully in the discussions and activities that will take place during this session. Let us challenge ourselves to think creatively and critically, and to explore new perspectives that can help us tackle the complex challenges of our time.

I hope that this session will be an enriching and rewarding experience for all of us, and that it will leave us with new insights, lasting connections, and a renewed sense of inspiration and purpose. So, let us begin this journey with curiosity, openness, and a spirit of collaboration. Let's explore together the Power of Progress and Innovation!

Thank you for being here, and I look forward to our time together in Ragusa'23!



Maria Koimtzooglou (GR, 22)



WELCOME WORDS

WELCOME WORDS FROM THE EDITRESS

Dear delegates,

Welcome! I am thrilled to be part the regional session of EYP Italy in Ragusa as the Editress of the media team, and I hope you are just as thrilled to be a part of this opportunity where you get to freely discuss your thoughts and ideas in such a diverse environment.

As a part of the media team, our job will be covering the session from all angles, capturing the highlights, insights and experiences of everyone involved. From interviews with officials to session bloopers, we will keep you up-to-date of all the fun and important moments.

We believe in the power of storytelling, and we aim to bring the session to life through our work. We look forward to your participation and engagement, and through our instagram stories, photo and video projects, we hope to showcase your experiences that will make this event so special.

So, stay tuned and engage with our content - we can't wait to share the EYP session with you all!

Best regards,



Maria Michael (CY, 22)



WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

THE EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The European Youth Parliament (EYP) was born in Fontainebleau in 1987, and it is an Europe-wide network whose goal is to inspire young people from across Europe and help them to become open-minded, tolerant and active citizens.

From 2004, EYP is part of the "*Junges Europa*" programme promoted by the Schwarzkopf Stiftung company and has its headquarter in Berlin. The association organises more than 500 events every year, connecting more than 30,000 young citizens between 16 and 25 years old from 40 different countries.

EYP ITALY

The Italian National committee of EYP (Parlamento Europeo Giovani or EYP Italy) was founded in Milan in 1994. Its goal is to **promote European citizenship** in the Italian High schools and universities through events located in all the country and is officially recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education.

OUR EVENTS

In our events, we try to simulate the decision process of a **European Parliament**.

The Participants, divided in committees inspired by the real European Parliament ones, will have to study one of the main challenges of our society and come up with possible solutions for it through preliminary researches, cooperation and debate.

Finally, during the last day of the event, all the participants will gather in one General Assembly where the work of the commissions will be discussed and voted following the real European Parliament procedure.



SESSION THEME

Uncharted waters: the power of Progress & Innovation

The Session Theme of Ragusa 2023 RS will be ***the power of Progress & Innovation!***

Both the two words has a fundamental meaning. **With "progress" the HO means the whole process of values growth, that should be considered the unique base of the technological and structural "innovation" of our societies.**

Our European Union Chart of Fundamental Rights recognize all Human Rights and affirms forcefully our commitment to respect them and to fight ever and ever for a better society. Also our loved Italian Constitution, at article 3rd, states that the Republic has to remove the economical and social obstacles that creates discriminations.

For these reasons it is important to affirm that younger generations have to work for a society in which differences has to be enhanced in order to construct, together with all european citizens, the development of our Union.

Hence, at the end of the session, the HO wishes the radical thought to be that **the society is not be done by majorities and minorities: there are not people that has to adapt to the major group, instead there is only the plurality of all the individuals that, with same rights and same sense of duty to respect these rights, has to contribute to construct a solid, strong and developed community, our community, our European Union!**

Only with this important belief it is possible to talk about technological innovation, that, in HO's thought, is the unique possibility to build a sustainable, growing and strong society.



TOPICS

LIBE - Committee on Immigration:

According to the latest data available in 2018, almost 3,5 thousand migrants have arrived in Sicily, with the main port of entrance being in the province of Ragusa. However in 76% of the cases examined over 2020, applicants were not given the asylum status. Taking into account the current EU asylum policies how can the EU deal with the current refugee crisis sustainably, and in a way that upholds human rights and protects human dignity?

AIDA - Committee on Artificial Intelligence:

In 2021, 53 % of EU enterprises that used Artificial Intelligence(AI) purchased ready-to-use commercial AI software or systems. With AI tools, such as ChatGPT, becoming more widespread and accessible to everyone, therefore sparking controversies, what can the EU do to regulate the usage of AI and ensure the safety and security of its citizens' data, intellectual property, and overall digital life?

IMCO - Committee on fast fashion and fashion industry sustainability:

The fast fashion industry has become a major contributor to the global economy, but its reliance on cheap labor and unsustainable production practices has led to negative economic and environmental consequences. As consumers demand more sustainable and ethical fashion options, how can the EU's fast fashion industry transition to a more environmentally sustainable model while still maintaining profitability?

DROI- Committee on housing renting prices and homelessness emergency:

With housing and renting prices on a rise across the continent, and in the light of higher rates of homelessness, how can the EU support Member States in providing accessible housing for societal groups most vulnerable to homelessness?



TOPICS

ENVI - Committee on AIDS spread and sexuality education:

In Europe, AIDS related deaths have increased since the last decade, with about half of the EU's countries reporting the same or increasing numbers of new diagnoses in 2021 as compared to 2020. With sex education remaining a taboo subject in many European countries, what steps should the EU take in order to prevent the spread of HIV and provide these countries with better sex education?

EMPL - Committee on Women menstrual leave and Women's employment:

Spain has recently become the first country in Europe to pass a law granting women menstrual leave, sparking a broader discussion about the potential benefits and drawbacks of such policies in the workplace. With the implementation of such policies potentially impacting gender equality, work-life balance, and productivity in the EU, what measures could the EU put in place to ensure that said policies are inclusive?

AGRI - Committee on Agriculture's sustainability:

The agricultural sector accounts for approximately 10-12% of global greenhouse gas emissions and over 80% of land-use change. Within the EU, agriculture is responsible for 10-12% of total greenhouse gas emissions, and more than half of the EU's land is used for this industry. What actions can the EU take to promote sustainable farming practices and reduce the environmental footprint of the agricultural sector?

CULT - Committee on Digital Education Action Plan:

The EU has recently launched its new Digital Education Action Plan to support the development of digital competencies and promote the use of digital technologies in education. How can the EU's Digital Education Action Plan effectively equip learners and teachers with digital skills and promote equal access to digital education across the EU?



SESSION'S PROGRAMME

Day 1. TEAMBUILDING - 12/05/2023

13:30-14:00 ARRIVALS & REGISTRATIONS

15:00-19:30 TEAMBUILDING

19:30-20:30 DINNER

*Please note that timetables in this program can change due to organisational needs

Day 2. COMMITTEE WORK - 13/05/2023

8:00-08:30 BREAKFAST

08:30-13:00 COMMITTEE WORK

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-19:30 COMMITTEE WORK

19:30-20:30 DINNER

Day 4. GENERAL ASSEMBLY - 14/05/2023

07:30-08:00 BREAKFAST

08:30-13:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-19:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19:00-20:00 CLOSING CEREMONY

*Consider that in each day there will be 2 coffee breaks: one on the morning and one on the evening.



ACTIVITIES

1. TEAMBUILDING: *12th May 2023*

After a quick general teambuilding all together, delegates will be divided by committees and, under the guidance of their chairpersons, will do some specific activities to break the ice and team up.

The teambuilding activities can include outdoor and sportive activities, and so they require a **comfortable outfit**.

2. COMMITTEE WORK: *13th May 2023*

During this phase, each committee member will have to **discuss the given topic** under respective chairs' supervision. Chairs will structure the debate so that the committee can reach a common view on a resolution proposal. Delegates are asked to bring along **personal researches** on the topic, **personal fact sheet** and **position paper** and blank sheets to take notes. Delegates can bring with them all **digital instruments** to help them during the session (laptop, smartphone, tablet and so on).

3. GENERAL ASSEMBLY: *14th May 2023*

The National Selection will reach its peak during the General Assembly, where the young members of the Parliament **will present their proposals of resolution** on which they worked within their committee and will debate on the contents. Board Members will guarantee to every committee the same opportunities of intervening and Chairs will allocate them equally among the members of the committee. The General Assembly will end with the **Closing Ceremony**. **You are gladly asked to wear formally.**



Ragusa is a small city in the South of Italy, located in Sicily.

Born as Ragusa Ibla, it was rebuilt and expanded after 1693 Earthquake.

Ragusa is known to be one of the best Sicilian cities talking about welfare and economical wealth.

The picture on the right shows *Duomo di San Giorgio*. It is the new Church built after the collapse of the old structure due to the Earthquake.

The picture under the one described before shows *Piazza San Giovanni* square, the central square of Ragusa, where it is situated Ragusa's Cathedral, *San Giovanni Church*.

Now it hosts about 74.000 inhabitants, and it's famous for its baroque architectures and its history.





HOW TO REACH RAGUSA

FROM SICILY

There are 2 ways to get to Ragusa from Sicily:

- You can look for **buses** or **trains**;
- You can choose to go with a private means of transportation.

FROM OTHER ITALIAN REGIONS OR EUROPEAN STATES

To reach Ragusa if you are not from Sicily you can:

- go by bus taking the ferry between Calabria and Sicily;
- go by airplane:
 - you can land in Comiso (nearest airport: 20 minutes far) if you find the flight;
 - you can land in Catania (2 hours far) and take "Etnatrasporti" bus that passes each our.



ACCOMODATION AND VENUES

TEAMBUILDING VENUE: *Giardini Iblei*



We probably are going to hold our Team Building activities, scheduled for 12th May, in *Giardini Iblei* of Ragusa Ibla. Ragusa Ibla is the most ancient and culturally rich place of Ragusa. Before 1693 Earthquake it was the unique part of the city.

Giardini Iblei is the biggest and the most beautiful park we have in Ragusa.

COMMITTEE WORKS VENUE: *Centro Commerciale Culturale - Comune di Ragusa*

Centro Commerciale Culturale of Comune di Ragusa is the place for the committee works, that will be held on 13th May.

It is situated in *Via Giacomo Matteotti, 61*, in Ragusa.

It was recently devised and restructured.

Centro Commerciale Culturale has a cloister, an auditorium and eleven rooms. It is a very active place in the city, where students go to study, change books. There they are held also numerous cultural activities.





ACCOMODATION AND VENUES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VENUE: auditorium of AVIS Ragusa



The General Assembly, scheduled for 14th May, is going to be held in the auditorium of AVIS Ragusa.

It is one of the best auditoriums we have in Ragusa and it hosts lots of events and conferences.

ACCOMMODATION: *Hotel Montreal*



You will be hosted at *Hotel Montreal*! It's located in *Via San Giuseppe, 14* in Ragusa, near the city center and the bus station.

In fact reaching the Hotel Santin from *Piazza Zama's bus station* is very easy. First of, leaving the station behind turn right until *Villa Margherita* park. Turn right and at the roundabout turn left. After the bridge you will be in *Via Roma*, our most important and centre street. When you arrive in *Corso Italia* turn right and you will find Hotel Montreal on your right after about 500 metres.



THE STAFF

ORGANISING TEAM

The *Organising Team* will organise the entire event, from the activities to the conferences with experts, up to the general administration of the event.

The team is composed by one *Head-Organiser*, Giorgio Schembari (IT, 18) and four italian organizers: Vittoria Barone, Matteo Pelleriti, Isabel Saini, Giovanni Rosso.

ACADEMIC TEAM

This team is composed by all *Chairpersons* who, together with the Vice Presidents and the President Maria Koimtzoglou (CY, 23), will help during the preparation of the event. They will prepare papers and the analysis of the *topics* of the session (*Topic Overviews*) and will assist delegates within the process of resolution writing.

MEDIA TEAM

The *Media Team* will be responsible for the social management of the event and for the promotion of interactive projects about topics of the event. This team is led by Maria Michael (CY, 22) as *Editor* and, together with 2 *Editorial Assistants* and 6 *Media Team Members*, will work in conjunction with the *Academic Team*.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The *National Committee* supervises the event and promotes the collaboration between the *Organising Team* and the other teams that will form in order to guarantee an elevated qualitative standard to the event. The *Event Team* of the *National Committee* is formed by Francesca Radovic, Mattia Zen, Esterina Cusumano and Mafalda Piegaia.

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